

REMARKS

After entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 6-17, 19-26, and 56-66 are pending. Claims 3, 5, 18, 54, and 55 are herein cancelled. Claims 27-53 were cancelled in a previous Amendment. Claims 1, 4, 6-14, 16, and 24 are herein amended. Claims 56-66 are herein added.

Claim Amendments:

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 5 which was indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. Claims 4, 6, 7, and 16 are amended simply to correct dependency based on amended claim 1. Claims 8-14 were previously withdrawn by the Examiner but are herein amended to refer to the composite article of claims 56(+) and correct claim dependency accordingly. Thus, the Applicant submits that claims 8-14 are no longer withdrawn and should be allowed. Claim 24 is amended simply to correct a typographical spelling error. Accordingly, no new matter is added in this Amendment.

Claims 56-66 are herein added to further define a composite article. Claim 56 represents previously pending claim 54 rewritten in independent form. Claim 57 represents previously pending claim 55. Claims 57-66 correlate to the currently pending composition claims and the cancelled composite article claims 27-53. Quite simply, claims 57-66 further define the chemistry of the composite article and additive. Accordingly, no new matter is added in this Amendment.

Affirmation of Previous Species Election:

During a telephone conversation with the Examiner on 1/14/10, the Applicant's attorney provisionally elected species (1) (i.e., the fluorine-substituted organopolysiloxane) with traverse. The Applicant hereby reaffirms this species election.

Acceptance of Allowable Subject Matter:

In the pending Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 5, 18, 54, and 55 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim(s). The Examiner also indicates that claims 54 and 55 are generic.

Accordingly, the Applicant files the instant Amendment to amend the claims and accepts the subject matter indicated as allowable. More specifically, the Applicant amends claim 1 to focus on the fluorine-substituted organopolysiloxane of previously pending claim 5. The Applicant also rewrites claim 54 in independent form. Notably, independent claim 54 is not limited to the particular fluorine-substituted organopolysiloxane that is recited in claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are both novel and non-obvious. Therefore, each of the claims is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests such allowance. Although no fees are believed to be due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 in the name of Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC for any fees or credit the account for any overpayment for this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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